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A Treasury of Shaker Ephemera Rediscovered at the Western Reserve Historical Society

By Christian Goodwillie

For the past three years Randy Ericson, David Newell, Cassandra Nawrocki and I have been conducting intensive research toward the compilation of a new bibliography of printed works by and about the Shakers. Using Mary Richmond's outstanding *Shaker Literature* as our starting point, our aim is to correct the content published in Richmond, as well as supplement it with thousands of items discovered or made accessible since her pioneering work in the 1970s. Our bibliographic team has visited sixteen institutions, accessed many on-line databases, and mined bookseller's catalogs to find items not listed in Richmond.

In preparation for our fifth visit to the Western Reserve Historical Society in Cleveland, Ohio (home to the largest collection of Shaker imprints and manuscripts in the world) I prepared a list for them of over 120 broadsides and handbills cataloged by Richmond at WRHS but not represented in their catalog. Efforts to locate these items at the time of our first four visits had not been successful. This was particularly troubling for the bibliography project, as many of these items were unique, or one of only two extant copies, and Richmond had cataloged the WRHS copy. Using the list I prepared based on Richmond, WRHS reference supervisor Ann K. Sindelar and library/archives collections manager Paul Heyde redoubled their efforts to locate this material. After a couple of weeks of searching they e-mailed me to report their success. Astonishingly, they were excited to report that not only had they found the uncataloged items Richmond had seen, but they had also found an additional three boxes of Shaker broadsides and ephemera. Randy and I were thrilled, and very eager to visit WRHS in late April 2012.

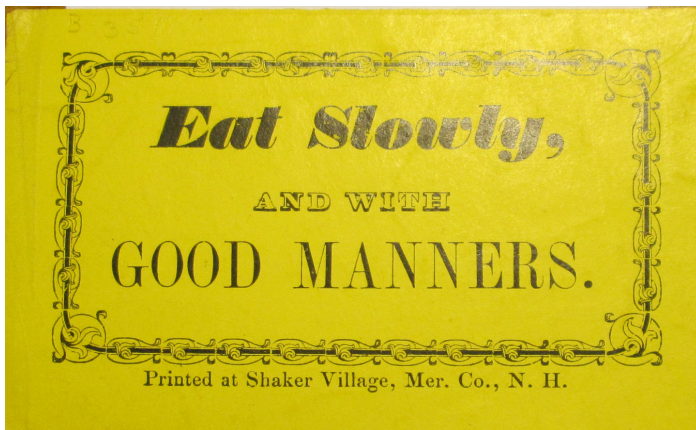
As we dug into the boxes of materials, each new folder yielded items that we had never seen, or had only read about in Richmond. The broadside/handbill-type items cataloged by Richmond had for the most part been left out of the microfiche of the WRHS Shaker imprints collection. So, for these unique items, seeing them "in the flesh" is the only way anyone can see them! The excitement intensified as we found literally hundreds

of examples of Shaker ephemera that we had never suspected existed. Our bibliographic project does not encompass ephemera, and we have struggled to define the boundaries between ephemera and imprints worthy of cataloging for the project. Despite our efforts to arrive at a consistent policy, it is quite likely that the end result will show inconsistencies, but, it is hoped, happy ones, as we have erred on the side of inclusion for items of interest to researchers and Shaker bibliophiles.

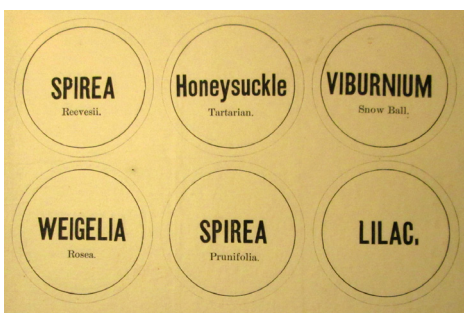
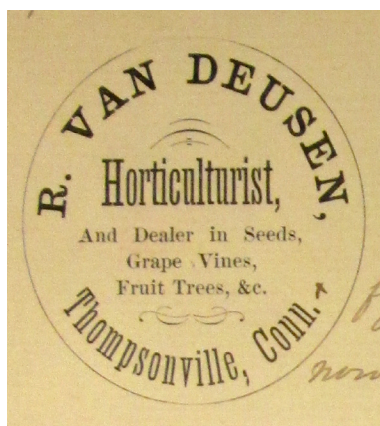
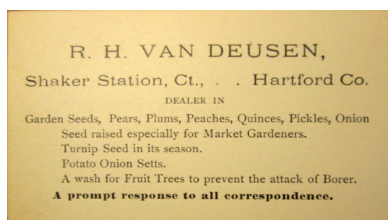
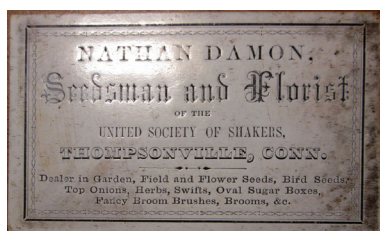
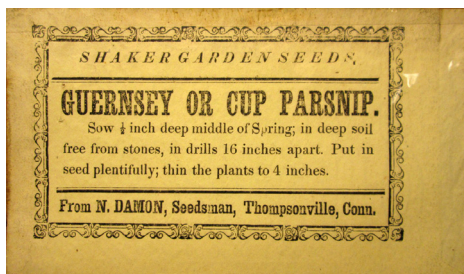
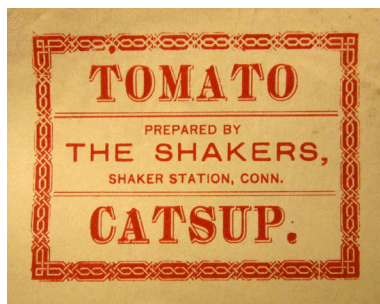
We were kindly given permission to publish the following collection of photographs of rare (and in some cases probably unknown) Shaker ephemera from the uncataloged collection of the WRHS. This is only a sampling of some of the best items we found. The images were made quickly—just point and shoot with a digital camera, no special lighting, no copystand, no measurements recorded for those we classed as clearly ephemera. Some are keystoneed; the colors, while largely accurate, may not be completely true given the available light in a very dim room; and the relative sizes of the items are not necessarily reflected in these photographs. Nonetheless, we wanted to present these to the Shaker research community, and we hope you will find them as exciting as Randy and I did. Most of all, we wish to thank Ann K. Sindelar and Paul Heyde for their outstanding work in locating these items and making them available once again for those of us who love them.

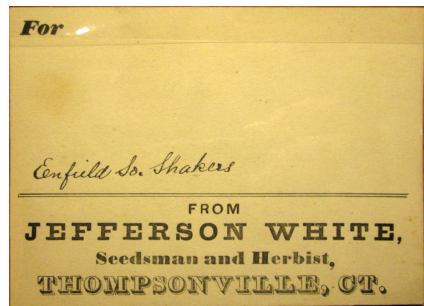
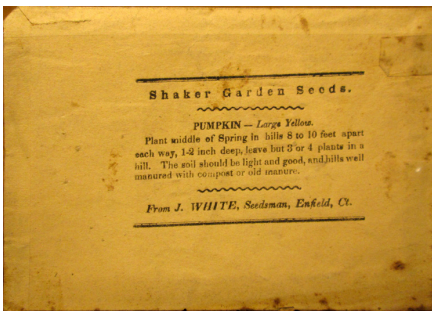
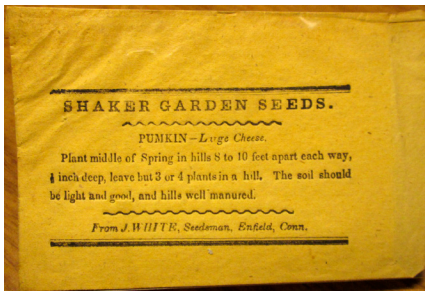
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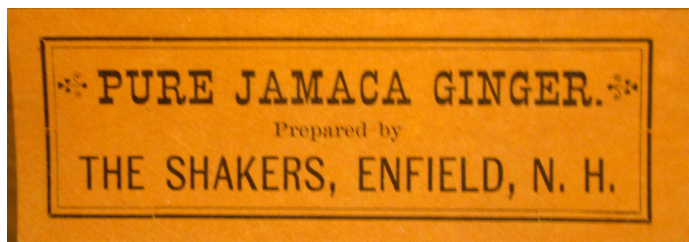
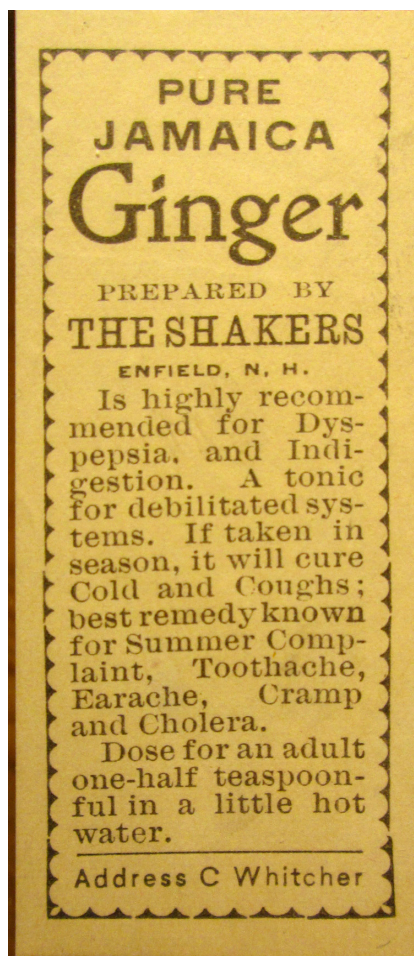
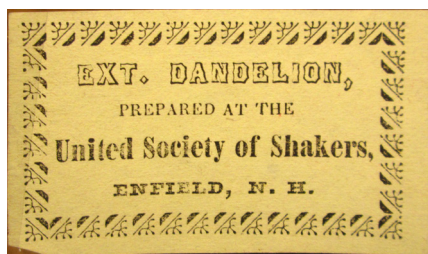
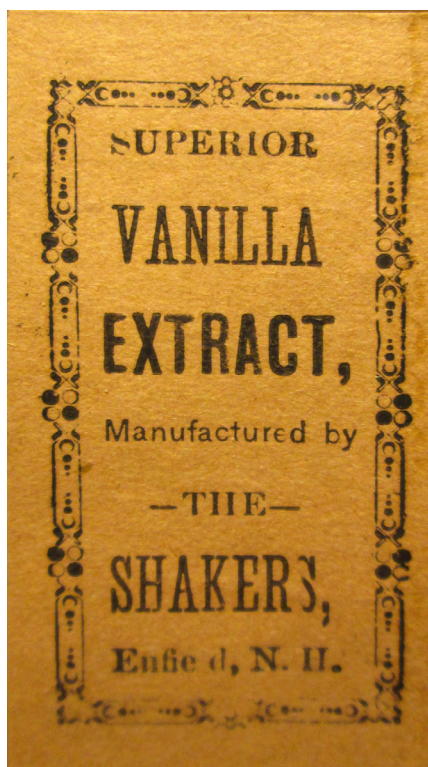


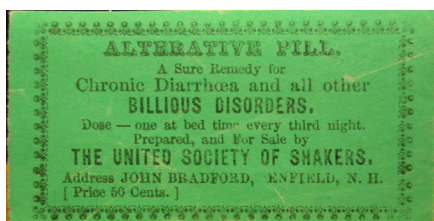
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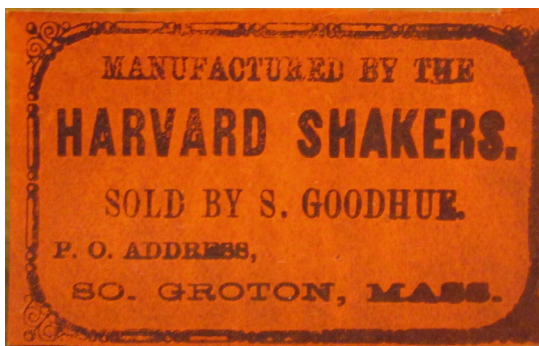
Ladies of medium height require eleven yards of silk of ordinary width for lining.

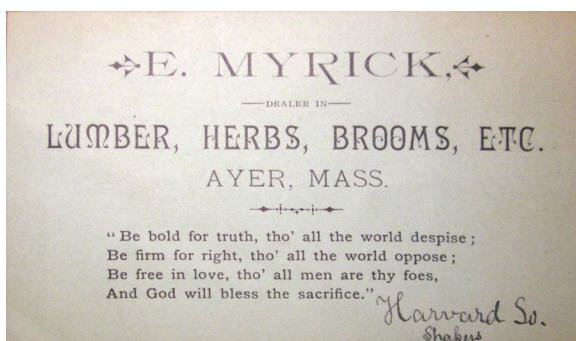
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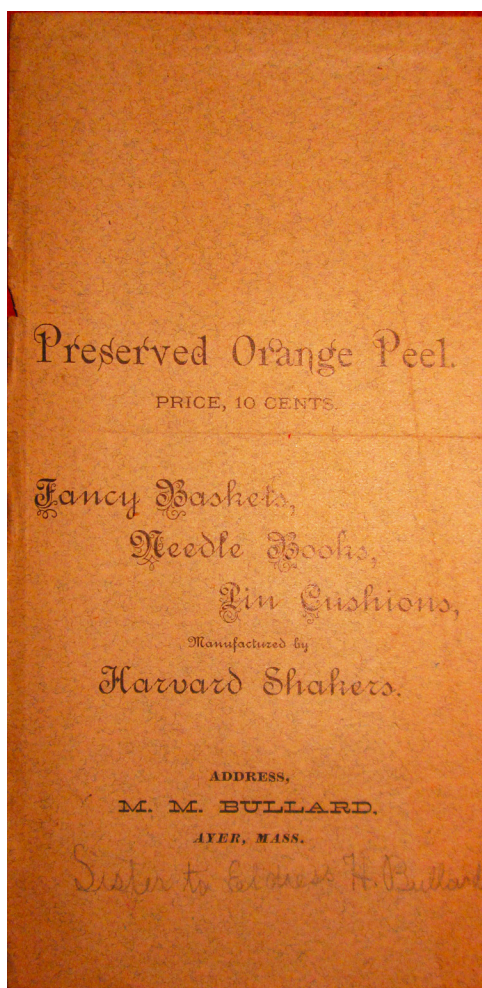
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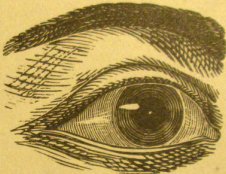
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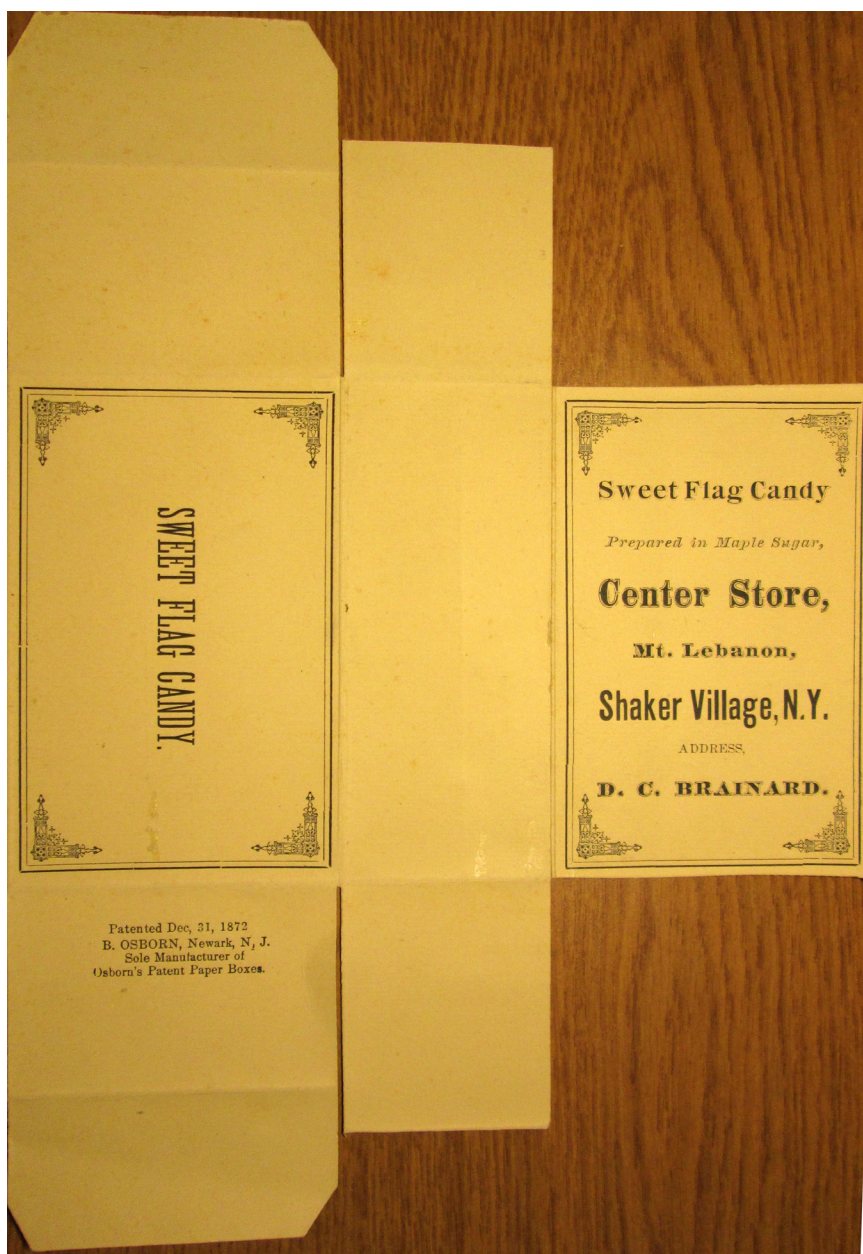
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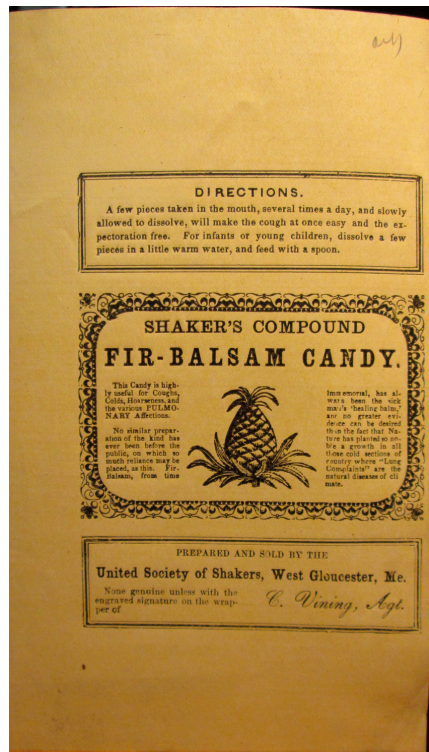
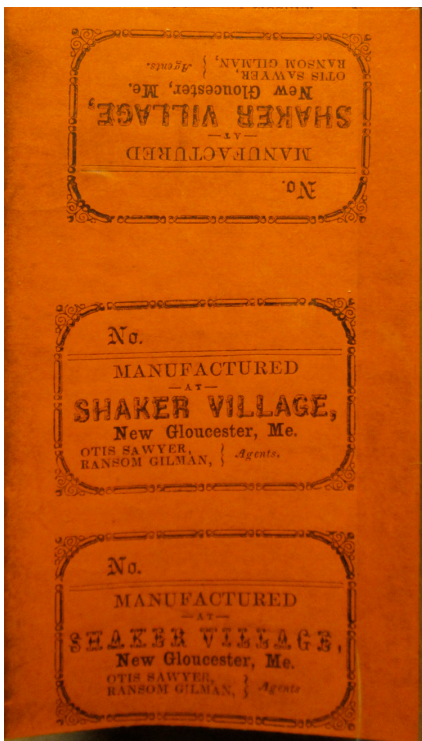
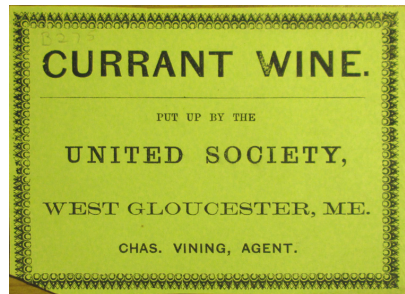
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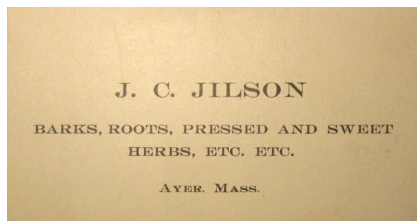
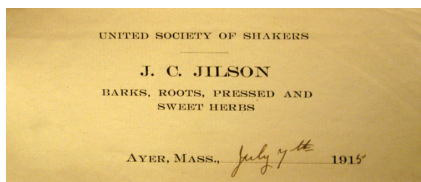
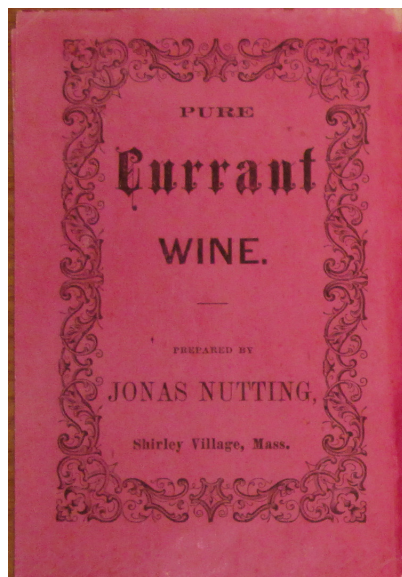
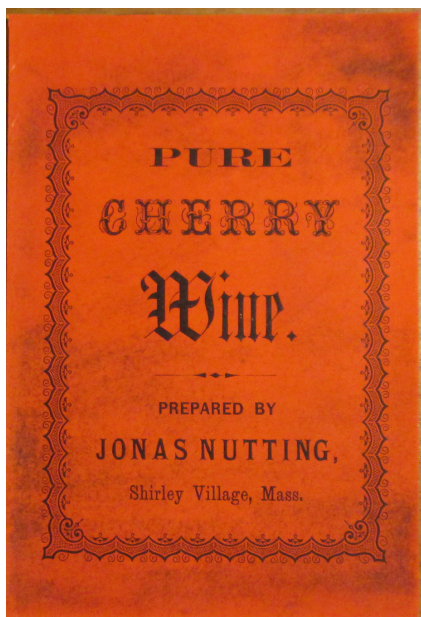
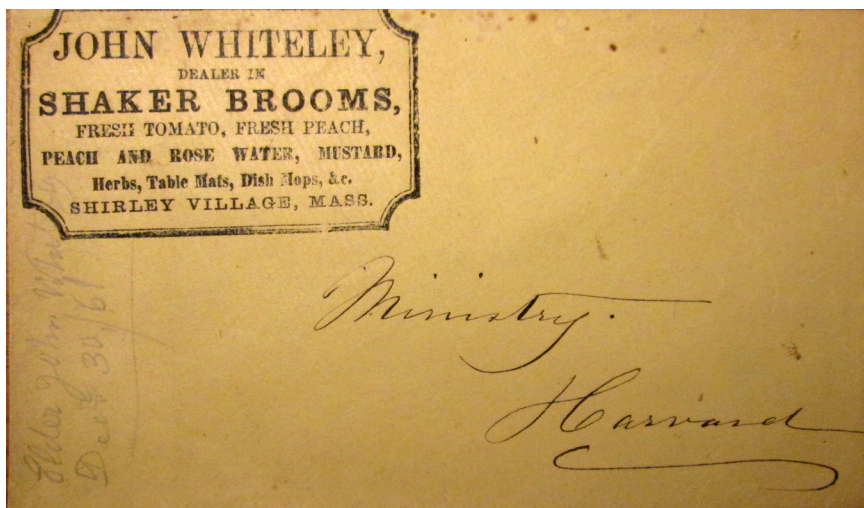
Sown from April to June.—This is a valuable root for the table when young, or for cattle when fully grown, and keeps well in the spring. Soak the seed 48 hours in warm water before planting.

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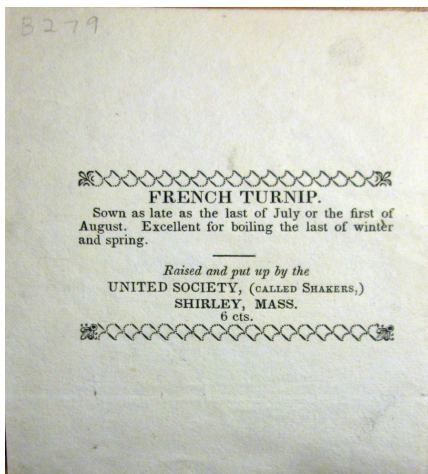
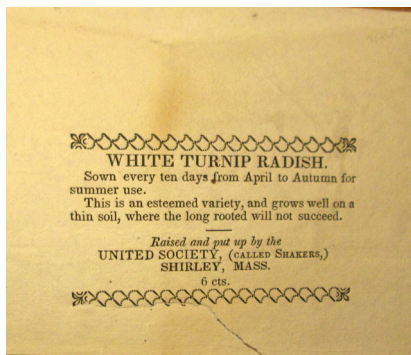
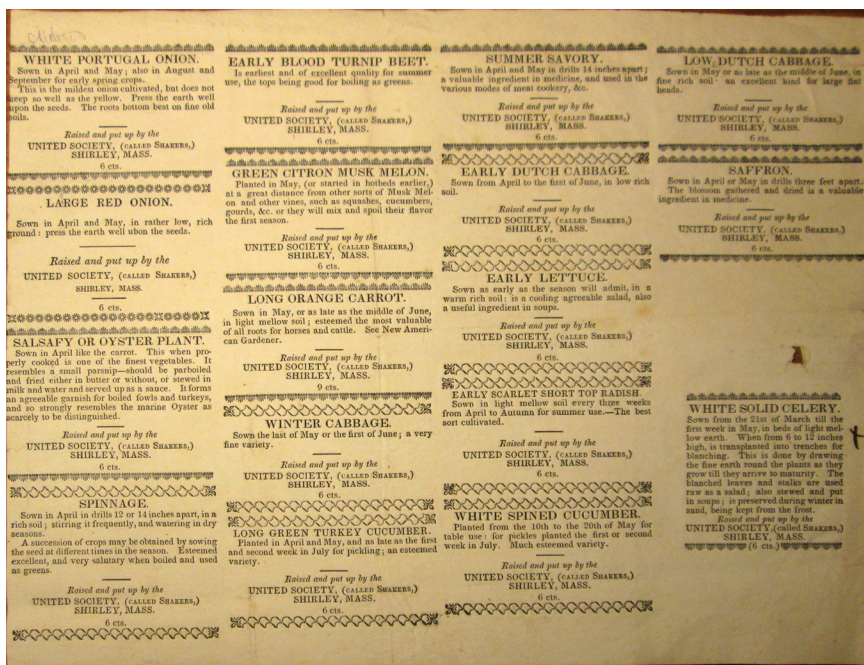
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Planted from the last of April till the first of June, separate from other vines, to prevent mixture.

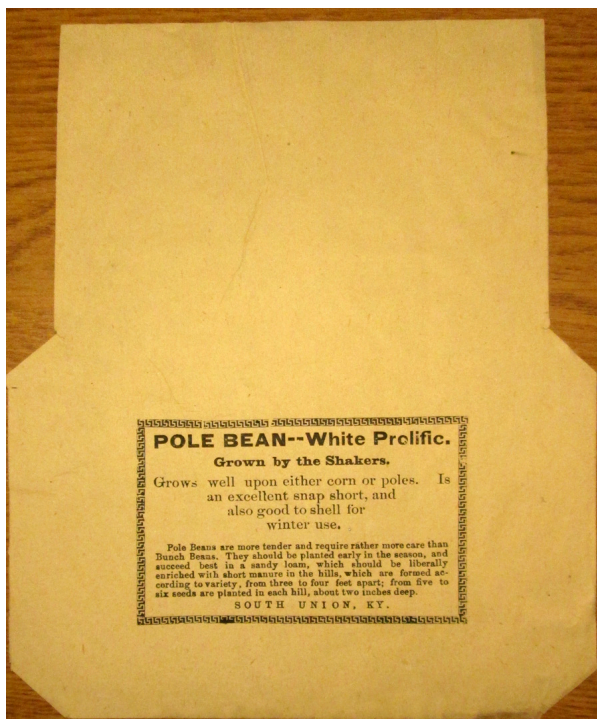
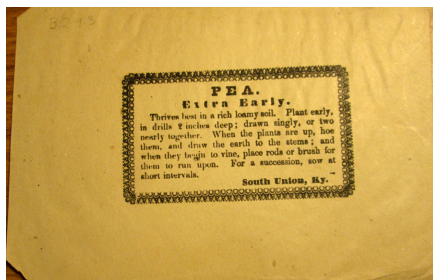
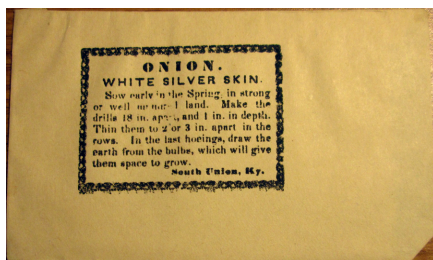
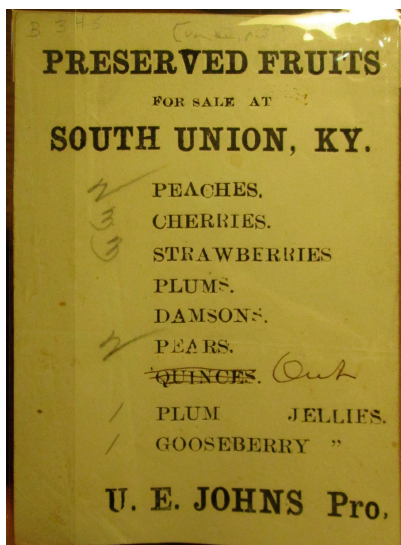
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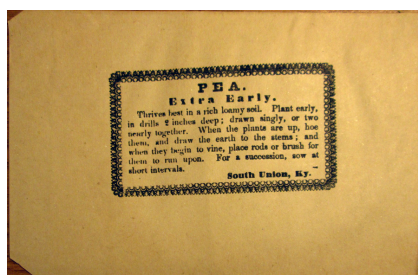
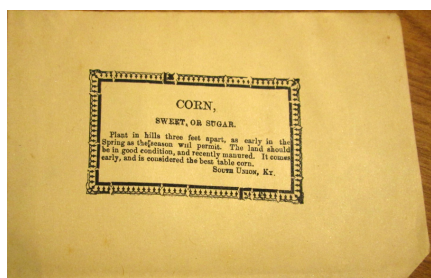




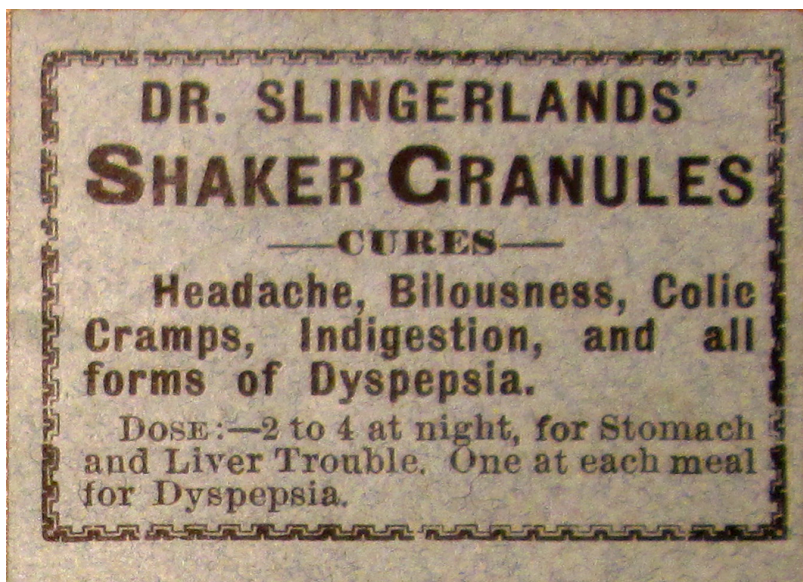
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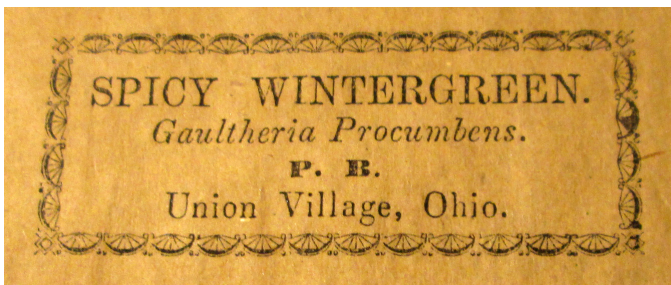
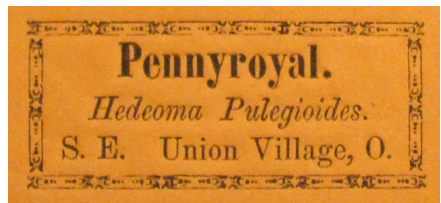
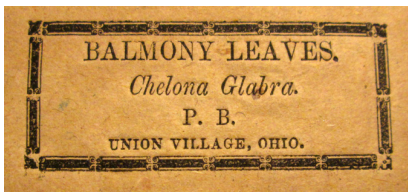
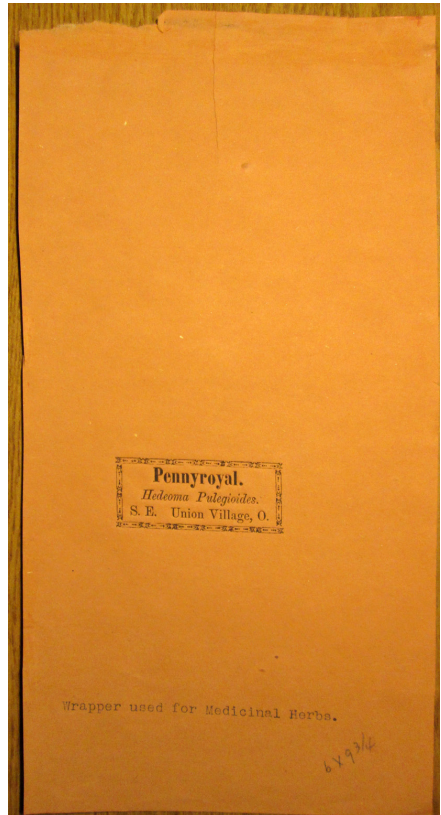
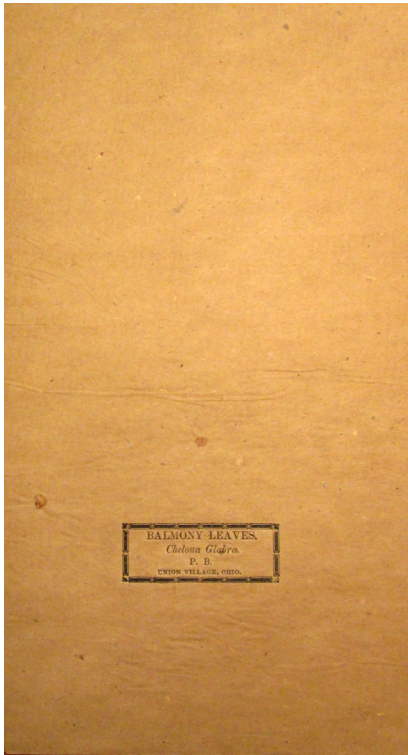




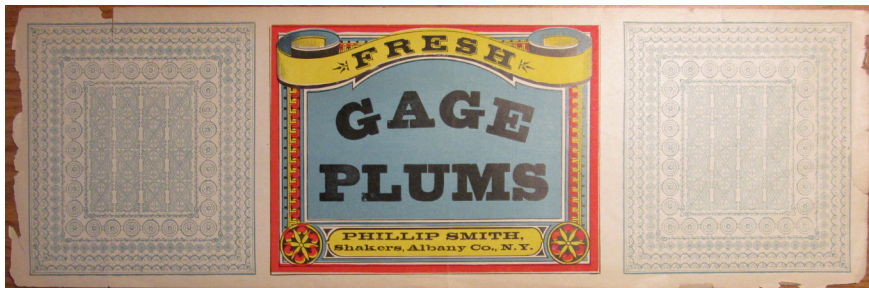
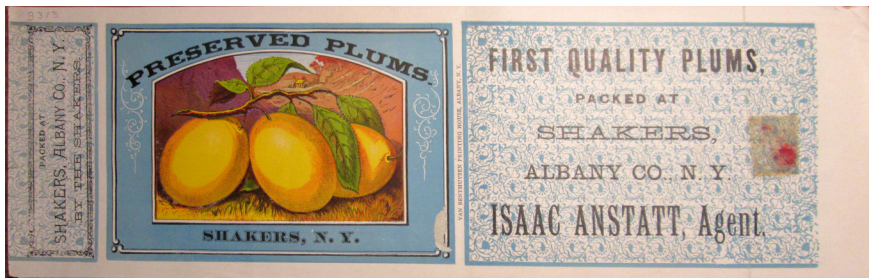
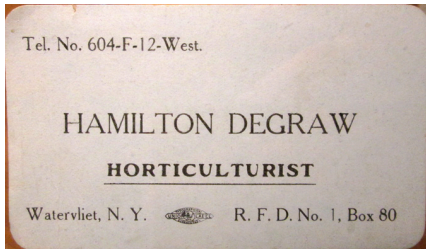
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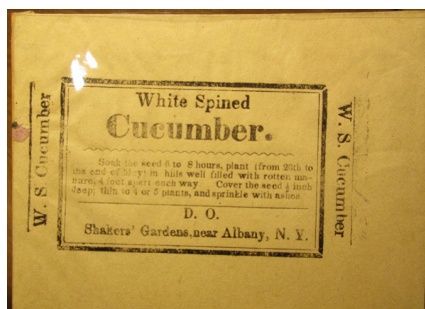
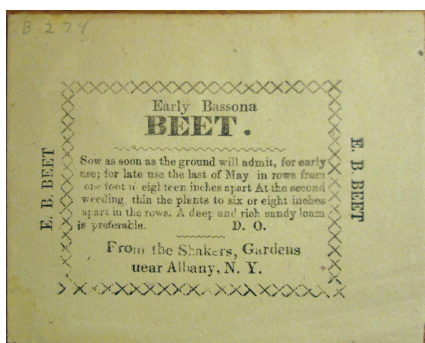
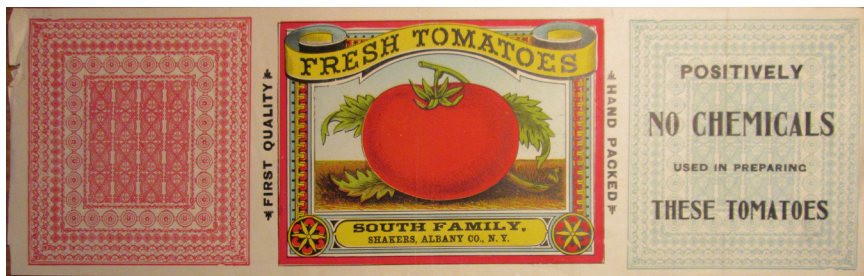


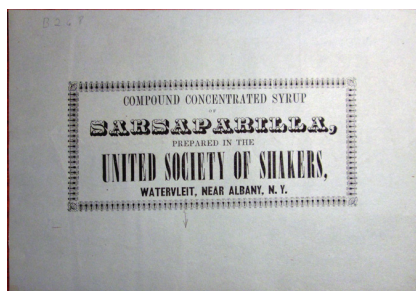
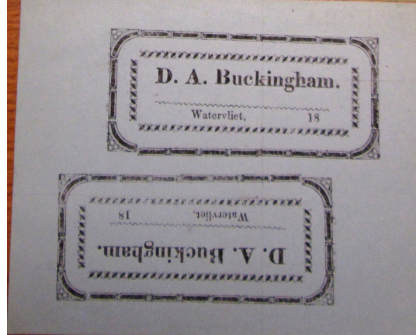
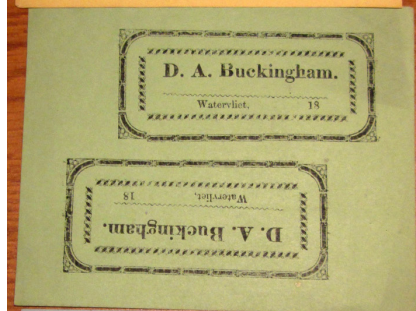
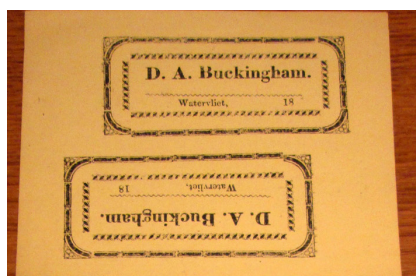
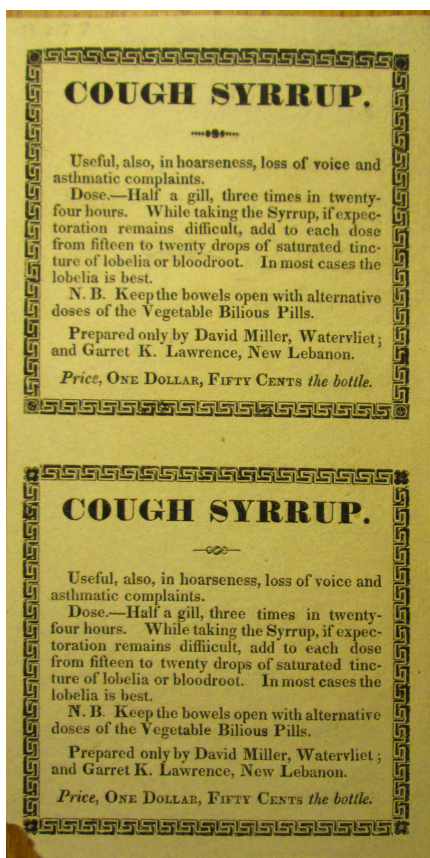


## Watervliet, New York











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**Powder of Whiteroot.**  
**ASCLEPIAS TUBEROSA.**

*Also called Pleurisy root, Wind root, and Cholic  
root, from its use in these disorders.*

This root is highly recommended by the first physicians in our country, as a safe and valuable remedy in pleurisy; and diseased lungs attended with cough and a dryness of the mucous membranes. Also in fevers, where a sudorific is required; and in diseases of the digestive organs, flatulency, &c. See Barton, Bigelow, Thatcher, Rafinesque's Medical Flora, and various Materia Medica.

**Directions & Doses.**

In pleurisy or fever, from twenty to thirty grains in a draught of balm or mint tea, say every 6 hours.  
For indigestion or flatulency, twenty to thirty grains three times a day in any convenient vehicle.  
In coughs and influenza,  
R. Tinct. Sanguinaria Canadensis, 2 parts.  
— Asclepias Tuberosa, 2 —  
— Lobelia Inflata, 1 part.  
Dose.—One or two teaspoonfuls in a gill of Whiteroot tea, alternating with Syrup of Liverwort every four hours.

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